



**THE OFFICE OF
STATE TREASURER
DENISE L. NAPPIER**

STATEMENT

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Statement of State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier Regarding the Data Breach at Global Payments

Global Payments, one of the largest processors of credit card payments, notified the State Treasurer's Office of "unauthorized access...into its processing system" and, as a result, as many as 1.5 million credit card account numbers processed by the company in North America were accessed.

Upon learning of this data breach, Treasury officials directed Global Payments on Friday to notify Connecticut state agencies that process credit card payments through this company. In addition, Treasury officials notified the Connecticut Auditors of Public Accounts and the Connecticut Attorney General's Office.

State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier stated, "We have been advised by Global Payments that the data breach has been contained, and that cardholder names, addresses and social security numbers were not compromised. While we are relieved to hear that there is no evidence of any fraud associated with the affected accounts it processed, we remain concerned for consumers who may be inconvenienced by this breach."

The Treasurer's Office is monitoring this situation for information concerning the extent to which any of the affected accounts were used in connection with transactions involving Connecticut state agencies. At the time of the release of this statement, Global Payments reports that it does not now know which merchants are associated with the compromised credit card account numbers because many of the credit cards are used at multiple merchants.

Global Payments stated, during a teleconference earlier today, that it was responsible for costs related to the breach of its systems. Visa also announced that its customers will not be held liable for fraudulent transactions made with their credit card numbers. Liability limits for others cards is determined by federal law and individual cardholder agreements.

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Global Payments is under contract with the Connecticut Treasury as part of a master agreement to provide credit card processing services for payments to various state agencies, including the Departments of Consumer Protection and Motor Vehicles, as well as the University of Connecticut.

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